Great reasons to earn your teaching credential at Westmont College

Westmont’s Department of Education provides a supportive collegial community in which to acquire a rigorous, practical, and professional preparation for K-12 teaching. Building on teacher-candidates’ liberal arts education, our program is designed to develop exemplary instructional skills, habits of reflection, and moral and cultural sensitivities that promote lifelong learning of diverse students.

Teaching is a special calling

**Enjoy AHA moments**
When the “lightbulb of learning” goes on in a student’s mind, teachers experience great pleasure.

**“Love others” – it’s a part of the job description**
Christ calls us to love one another – what better way to do this than by loving today’s youth in a classroom?

**Help students reach their potential**
Teachers lead, motivate and inspire young people to discover who they are!

**Affect the future**
Teachers serve in a school community, influence today’s youth, and guide them into tomorrow!

**Enjoy great benefits**
Teachers appreciate strong retirement, full family health benefits, and vacation time.

**Stay younger**
Children keep teachers young and hip – and each day is full of surprises!

**Relish summers off**
The teaching profession affords time for travel and other adventures.

**Get a job that leaves time for family**
As a teacher, you can do it all – have a family, have a flexible schedule, and work full or part-time.

**Experience job security**
55,000 teachers will be needed in California over the next seven years and students never go away!

**Embrace a noble profession**
Teachers have thousands of people that remember them for the rest of their lives!

Westmont is a special place

**Join a caring, close-knit community**
Our small collegial department supports Westmont students in a close-knit community.

**Engage in small classes**
Personal relationships, attention, and connection with education faculty are the department’s greatest strengths.

**Examine key educational issues from a Christian perspective**
Westmont’s Education program allows for exploration into current educational issues from a Christian perspective.

**Learn from experienced and well-trained faculty**
Three full-time faculty with over 70 years of experience in education instruct and guide students through the credential program.

**Obtain your teaching credential and a BA in 4 or 5 years**
With careful planning, our fast track plan is an opportunity to secure a bachelor’s degree and teaching credential in 4 years and get right to work earning money in a profession you love!

**Make great connections in the education community**
Westmont’s stellar reputation in the community allows for students to connect often with local educational officials, teachers, and leaders.

**Student teach locally or globally**
Credential candidates have the option to teach in Santa Barbara’s multicultural public schools or at the Lincoln School in Costa Rica.

**Receive strong preparation for state teaching exams**
Westmont students have an excellent record on required California credential tests of academic content and professional knowledge.

**Graduate well-prepared to teach.**
Westmont credential candidates are prepared through a rigorous, highly practical, and professional program.

**Enjoy landing a teaching job**
Over the years, Westmont graduates have been highly successful in landing teaching positions.

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